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AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION IMPROVES

MINSK PLANT COMPLETES CHASSIS SHOP -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 202, 10 Oct 48

The building which houses Chassis Shop No 2 of the Minak Automobile Plant has been completed. Two machines for machining rear-axle parts, which up to this time have been produced in the Yaroslavl' Automobile Plant, have already been assembled in the shop. The production cycle for all automobile parts will be completed when this shop is put into operation.

TRUCK TRAILERS PRODUCED -- Sovetskaya Latvija, No 236, 5 Oct 48

The Ventspils Ship Repair Plant has started production of 2-ton truck trailers. The first lot of 40 trailers has been shipped to various parts of the Soviet Union.

SAMARKAND PLANT IMPROVES OPERATIONS -- Pravda Vostoka, No 208, 19 Oct 48

The Samarkand "Krasnyy Drigatel'" Plant is operating at a profit in 1948 and has refused the state subsidy for this year. The economic condition of the plant has improved steadily since 1943. In that year, the plant had 443 rubles of losses for every 1,000 rubles of finished production; in 1946, the losses decreased to 208 rubles per 1,000 rubles of finished production; and in 1947, the losses amounted to only 56 rubles per 1,000 rubles of production.

Cost accounting in every shop has increased profits. The first 8 months of operating on the cost-accounting system in 1948 resulted in a 10.4-percent reduction in production costs instead of the planned 4.9-percent reduction, and 125 tons of coke, 450 tons of sand, 40 tons of concrete, 650,000 kilowatt-hours of electric power were saved. The plant realized 879,000 rubles profit during the 8-month period instead of the planned 604,000 rubles. The plant has pledged to give an additional 500,000 rubles profits by the end of the year.

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AUTO PLANTS COMPLETE YEAR PLAN -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 216, 30 Oct 48

The Borisov Automobile Repair Plant completed the annual plan on 20 October. Production output increased 52 percent over the same period in 1947, labor productivity increased 6 percent, and the plant realized 350,000 rubles in profits above the plan during 9 months of 1948.

Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 255, 27 Oct 48

The "Siro ya Vassar" Automobile Repair Plant completed the annual plan for gross production and finished goods ahead of schedule. The plant has produced more than 1,800,000 rubles worth of automobile engine repairs, automobile spare parts, and machine parts for the shale basin.

TRUCKS FOR LOGGING ENTERPRISES -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 252, 23 Oct 48

Ten 4-ton ZIS 150 trucks to be used for logging operations have arrived in Estonian SSR from the Plant imeni Stalin in Moscow.

Recently, 24 gas-generator trucks arrived in Tallin from the Urals. The arrival of 26 additional trucks from the Plant imeni Stalin is expected soon. These will be distributed among logging enterprises of the Republic.

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